

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of opening/closing a disk tray in a disk
2 drive, comprising the steps of:
3 when a first event occurs, sending a load/unload
4 command to the disk drive, to which the disk
5 drive responds with a second or third event; and
6 resending the load/unload command to the disk drive
7 when the disk drive responds to the previous
8 load/unload command with the third event.

1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
2 first event is clicking an eject button shown on a screen.

1 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
2 second event returns a value for the load/unload command
3 after a certain period of time.

1 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
2 third event returns a value for the load/unload command
3 immediately.

1 5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
2 load/unload command is defined by the ATAPI CD-ROM
3 specification SFF-8020.

1 6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the unload
2 command is resent if the disk drive receives the load
3 command previously and responds with the third event.

1 7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the load
2 command is resent if the disk drive receives the unload
3 command previously and responds with the third event.

1 8. A method of opening/closing a disk tray in a disk
2 drive, comprising the steps of:

3 when a first event occurs, sending a load/unload
4 command to the disk drive and receiving a value
5 returned by the disk drive for the load/unload
6 command;

7 calculating a time period from the sending of the
8 load/unload command to the receiving of the
9 returned value; and

10 resending the load/unload command when the calculated
11 time period is shorter than a threshold.

1 9. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
2 first event is clicking an eject button shown on a screen.

1 10. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
2 calculating of the time period comprises the steps of:

3 recording a first clock value corresponding to the time
4 when the load/unload command is sent;

5 recording a second clock value corresponding to the
6 time when the returned value is received; and

7 obtaining the time period according to a difference
8 between the first and second clock value.

1 11. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
2 threshold is about 0.5 second.

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- 1 12. The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the
- 2 load/unload command is defined by the ATAPI CD-ROM
- 3 specification SFF-8020.